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(SUBVERSION)

WASHINGTON--A FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE CUBAN SENATE TOLD CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS TODAY THAT ONLY MILITARY ACTION LED BY THE UNITED STATES "CAN LIBERATE CUBA AND RESTORE PEACE TO THE HEMISPHERE."

DR. MANUEL DEVARONA SAID CUBAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS ON THE ISLAND AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES "AWAIT THE ESSENTIAL MILITARY SUPPORT TO DEFEAT THE SOVIET FORCES..."

DEVARONA, WHOSE SON FOUGHT IN THE ILL-FATED BAY OF PIGS INVASION OF 1961, SAID THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW. HE DID NOT SAY SPECIFICALLY WHETHER HE WAS PROPOSING ANOTHER INVASION ATTEMPT.

DEVARONA TESTIFIED BEFORE THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LATIN AMERICA WHICH IS INVESTIGATING COMMUNIST SUBVERSION IN LATIN AMERICA.

"THE SOVIET STRONGHOLD IN CUBA MIGHT BE ELIMINATED IF DEMOCRACY IS TO SURVIVE IN THE AMERICAS," HE SAID. "THIS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED WITH THE SO-CALLED POLICY OF ISOLATION--WHICH ONLY ISOLATES THE CAPTIVE PEOPLE OF CUBA FROM ITS ALLIES, WITHOUT DESTROYING OR WEAKENING THE CASTRO REGIME, WHICH CONTINUES TO RECEIVE MASSIVE SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNIST BLOC."

DEVARONA SAID THERE HAD BEEN A RECENT "INTENSIFICATION" OF COMMUNIST SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE HEMISPHERE. AND HE SAID THIS WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS THE CASTRO REGIME REMAINS IN POWER, BACKED BY SOVIET FORCES.

"THE FACT THAT SOME OF THESE FORCES MAY BE REMOVED FROM CUBA DOES NOT IN THE LEAST DIMINISH THE THREAT WHICH HANGS TODAY OVER THE ENTIRE HEMISPHERE," HE SAID. HIS REFERENCE WAS TO YESTERDAY'S DISCLOSURE THAT RUSSIA HAS AGREED TO WITHDRAW "SEVERAL THOUSAND" TROOPS FROM CUBA.

JOHN A. MOONEY, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, GAVE THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AN EXTENSIVE REPORT YESTERDAY ON THE RED SUBVERSION FROM CUBA.

REP. THOMAS E. MORGAN, D-PA., CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP, SAID MOONEY DESCRIBED "THE EXPANSION AND EXPORTATION OF GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES FROM CUBA TO LATIN AMERICA." MORGAN DID NOT GIVE DETAILS OF MOONEY'S TESTIMONY.

THE LATIN AMERICAN SUBCOMMITTEE WAS TOLD BY A HIGH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL MONDAY THAT AS MANY AS 1,500 YOUNG LATIN AMERICANS WENT TO CUBA LAST YEAR AS STUDENTS AND WERE SENT HOME WITH "TRAINING EVERY GOOD GUERRILLA SHOULD HAVE."

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